

REMARKS

The above amendment is necessary to place the abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52.

No new matter has been introduced.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ABSTRACT

Method of enhancing a resident population of microorganism in a selected site of the gastrointestinal tract of an animal, the method comprising providing to the 5 animal a selected modified or unmodified resistant starch or mixtures thereof in combination with one or more probiotic microorganisms such that upon ingestion the starch passes through the gastrointestinal tract substantially unutilized until it reaches the selected site where it is utilized by the resident and/or the probiotic microorganisms thereof causing an increase in number and/or activity of the 10 microorganisms.